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Remarks:

The amendments set out above merely enter a number of minor clerical or editorial changes. It is submitted that most of these are entirely clear from the marked up paragraphs set out above. In all cases, no new matter has been added. Many of the changes simply ensure that the language is grammatically correct, that terminology is used consistently throughout the specification and that reference numerals are correct.

With respect to the amendment at paragraph 9 on page 3, this merely brings the language into agreement with the final sentence of this paragraph.

With respect to the amendments to paragraph 192 on page 43, it is to be noted that the term "gas diffusion layer", otherwise known as the acronym GDL is sometimes used in this art. Solely for consistency with the earlier terminology, the acronym GDM, "gas diffusion medium" is being inserted.

With respect to the amendments to paragraphs 195, 196 and 199, these simply correct the reference to the parts of one of the components to "3.8" from "38"; and it can be noted that this is wholly consistent with the figures given in the relevant tables, so that no new matter has been added.

In the claims, for the avoidance of any ambiguity or indefiniteness, claim 1 has been amended to insert the phrase "at least one" in line 4 of the claim.

In claims 12 and 13, for consistency with the rest of the specification, reference is now being made to a "membrane electrode unit" rather than "membrane electrode assembly".

Similarly, for consistency with the rest of the specification, and also, for example, claims 16 and 17, reference is now being made to "groove segments" instead of "groove elements".

The amendment to claim 22 will clearly be appreciated to be simply clarifying.

With respect to the drawings, it will be understood that the amendments to the

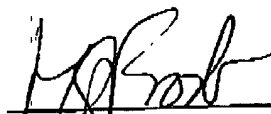
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lead lines in Figures 1 and 2 are intended merely to ensure that these drawings are wholly consistent with the specification and to aid in understanding the drawings.

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